

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Gregory TUC et al.

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For: AN ASSEMBLY OF A TUBULAR ELEMENT AND AT LEAST ONE PANEL,
INTENDED IN PARTICULAR FOR USE IN OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND
INSTALLATIONS

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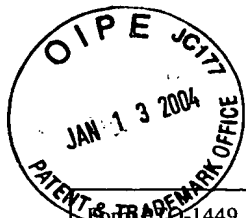
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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
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